



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6708

LCO No. 5097

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL CASES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE
RETURNED FROM SERVICE WITH THE ARMED FORCES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) The Chief Court
2 Administrator may establish in any court location a docket separate
3 from other criminal matters for the hearing of criminal matters in
4 which a defendant has returned from service with the armed forces, as
5 defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes. The docket shall be
6 available to defendants who, as a result of such service, could benefit
7 from placement in a substance abuse treatment program or other
8 program that provides mental health services.

9 (b) The Chief Court Administrator shall establish, within available
10 appropriations, one or more courts for the hearing of criminal matters
11 in which a defendant has returned from service with the armed forces,
12 as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes, who, as a result of
13 such service, could benefit from placement in a substance abuse
14 treatment program or other program that provides mental health
15 services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a separate criminal docket for hearing criminal matters and providing diversionary services for defendants who have returned from service with the armed services, similar to the criminal docket for matters in which a defendant is a drug-dependent person.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]